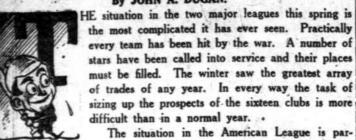
## Fandom Anxiously Awaits Sounding of Gong That Starts Clubs Into Action

## Difficult Problem to Size Up Prospects Of Major League Clubs in 1918 War Race

White Sox and Giants Should Repeat, as Teams That Gave Leaders Trouble Last Year Have Been Weakened by Draft.

By JOHN A. DUGAN.



The situation in the American League is particularly puzzling. The two clubs which last year gave the league leaders the most trouble have been hardest hit by the

NATIONAL LEAGUERS

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New York-Keily, Baird, Jones. Philadelphia-Tincup, Cincinnati-Rath. St. Louis-Currie, Goodwin, Mil-

Chicago-Marriott, Mann. Boston-Gowdy, Maranville, Rico

Brooklyn-Cadore, Pfeffer, Smith,

Malone, Miljus, Kelleher, Fitz-simmons, Hickman,

Pittsburgh-Warner, Miller, Carl-

Ray Schalk expects his greatest season this year. He reported sev-

new will be called on to do most

. JENNINGS' TIGERS. Year after year Hughie Jennings has led his Tigers into the American

get a pitching staff which will hold

ing the same problem. He has a raft

seasoned pitchers.

The success of the Tigers this year

average

WITH UNCLE SAM

war. Boston has lost many stars and Cleveland is not much better off. The Cleveland case is perhaps the most desperate of the two, as Cleveland has not been able to benefit by the winter trades as has Boston. Two new managers in the league further complicate the situation-

Miller Huggins, of the Yankees, and Ed Barrow, of the Red Sox.

Huggins to Have Money. Miller Huggins for the first time in his managerial career will have plenty of material and money to work with. In St. Louis Huggins was never able to get players or money to buy players with. In New York he can have anything he asks for within reason Ed Barrow has no easy proposition at Boston. But Ed knows baseball and has usually been rather fortunate in getting the most out of the material at hand.

The situation in the National League as the season opens is not so complicated as that in the American. The older organization has sent less men to war and there have been fewer and less complicated trades than was the case in the Johnson circuit. Nevertheless the situation is far more confusing than it has been in unless he is called into governmen

through trades.

The clubs, particularly Brooklyn, have lost heavily through enlistments and the draft, ence and should have a good season.

Russell probably will not play this through trades. through trades.

The transfer of Aiexander and Expected from Danforth and Wolf-Killefer to Chicago is certain to make the Cubs a bigger factor than they have been for many years, while the have been from many years, while the least strengthened is in two recruit to the company of the compan

Phillies will suffer correspondingly. hurlers, Shellenbacker and Paul Mus-One new manager will be found in the National League ranks, Jack Hendricks having succeeded Miller Huggins at St. Louis. Hendricks has

### GRIFF'S NATIONALS.

It will take more than a Hindu prophet to fulfill the hopes of the optimistic Old Fox for the Nationals in this 1918 American League race. The Griffmen have sure felt the pressure of the bigger game over there, as Leaguer Meyosky and H. Milan ware looking stronger than last year and this 1918 American League race.

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Raseball experts in the East and Raseball experts in the With the White Sox pitching staff looking stronger than last year and the other departments as good as in In looking over the roster of the St. Louis Browns this year, the St. Louis Br

the club's chances from a first division outfit into one that will need
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Fielder Jones' big problem comes in his infield. He must develop a sector of all the firm of the built around Co-order will probably be called by the called all season.

four does not compare with that of ether clubs, but it is strong enough to hold up its end and the hope of the labout fans may come true. In Milan, Shotton and Shanks, Griff has a speedy, good hitting trie. The one drawback in the status of the Nationleague players as understudies for his first combination. There is no telling just what the Nationals will do, but glub that will do the checker act ost of the season from the top rung the other clubs to less runs than his of the ladder down to sixth place.

### ROWLAND'S WHITE SOX.

As the gong sounds for the 1918 of pitchers but of the whole lot there son there is no way of is not one who can be considered a any American League really great pitcher.

Dauss, Boland, Cunningham, James, flub that has much of a chance to the White Sox to the wire Harry Coveleskie and Mitchell are his

Of all the clubs in the league, the wonderful machine Comiskey built depends entirely upon what Jennings up with years of careful selection of stars is practicaly intact. Of the sixteen clubs in the major league the Sox suffered least from the

that he knew little about handling pitchers and with Donovan in charge in the field Tuesday wil be the same that Hughle may get better results out of his Indian crew, marched 6ff with the world championship last fall when Heine Zimmerman chased Eddie Collins across the plate with the winning run of the final game of the world first, although the job may go to Dressian If the White Sox do not seen a promising young recruit who

War's Toll on American League Baséball Clubs

Chicago-Scott, Jenkins, Kieser, Payne, Von Kolnitz. Payne, von Konniz.

Boston-Barry, Shore, Bader,
Janvrin, Pennock, McNally, Gainer,
Shorten, Lewis.
Cleveland-Harris, Guisto, Dickerson, Smith, Torkelson, Petty, De

Berry.
Detroit—Burns, Alten, Fuller.
Oldham, Nicholson, Hollywood, New York-Fisher, Kane, Small-

Washington - Gibson, Menosky, conard, Murray, H. Milan and Louis-Fincher, Jacobso

Athletics—Haley, McAvoy, Anderson, Bates, Johnson, Noyes, Scibold, Sharman, Murphy, Witt.

the league. The Tigers are a sure first division

club, but it is not likely they will finish much better than fourth, with third a possibility. If they should happen to get good pitching Detroit will give any club in the league a bettle.

#### HUGGINS' YANKEES.

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Another name has been added to the long list of managers who have tried to make a pennant winner of the New York Yankees during the last sixteen years, the aggressive Miller Hugglins having signed up to battle the Yankee jinx.

And it is upon Hugglins and his luck with his pitching staff that the burden of making a first division club of the Yankees rests.

Hugglins will have his biggest problem with his pitching staff. Winter trades and the draft have taken some of his most promising pitching material, including Shocker, Shawkey and Cullop.

The dean of the 1918 pitching staff will be Ray Caldwell. Allen Russell had a fair record last yeard and should be improved. Mogridge is an in-and-outer. Slim Love might be a good pitcher it he wasn't so lazy.

The Yankee infield is the best

lazy.

The Yankee infield is the best balanced in the league. The heavy clouting Pipp is at first, Derrill Pratt at second, Peckinpaugh at short and Frank Baker at third. Huggins has only a fair out-field. Ping Bodie, of course, will strengthen the outfield from an ofthe National League ranks, Hendricks having succeeded Miller Hinggins at St. Louis. Hendricks having successful in the minor leagues, but that cannot be taken as a criterion of what he will do in the National. Hugo Bezdek, who did fairty well for a couple of months at Pittaburgh, will be watched closely this year. He is the first case of a man without professional baseball exwithout professional baseball exwith

with young Walters in the leading role. Ruel, a star with Memphis last year, and Truck Hannah, the iron man catcher of the Salt Lake club, will relieve him.

Third places would not be a bad

guess for the Yankees if Huggins can get the best of his pitchers.

Hooper, Walsh and Henricksen will be the outfield which will no doubt start the season, while Agnew will be called on to do most a fast, clever infielder, but his batas good a pair of entchers as are in the league, while Bob Berman may develop into big league timber.

The infield combination of Judge at most at short and Foster at third is as good defensive infield as is in Johnson's circuit. The hitting strength of this four does not compare with that of ting average usually is a scandal Fritz Maisel, who has failed miser

season probably with the Browns last season probably will be called on. At third the veteran Jimmie Austin will be seen again. Austin is a crack infielder, but is weak with the stick. The inimitable George Sisler will, of course, play first. Other infield ter Gerber

League race facing one great problem. Year after year his club has piled up more runs by far than any other club on the circuit. But even with a club which scores The outfield presents another prob-lem. Jones picked up a good hitting outfielder in Tim Hendrix and prob-ably will play him with Kenneth Williams and Earl Smith, Roy Demis another possibility. Demmitt almost a run more a game than the average American League club, Hughle cannot win because he has is another possibility. Demmitt has been up before, but has always seemed to lack something.

Altogether the Browns present the

big puzzle of the league. There's a lot of "ifs" connected with how they will finish. If Jones' pitchers pan out anything like they dope'out now and if he patches up the second base hole with the material at hand, he should break into the first division.

#### FOHL'S INDIANS. Manager Lee Fohl faces the same

base question again. Harris, who ex-ceeded all expectations last season was called by the draft, along with Guisto, and Fohl must first plug this hole at the initial sack before

year. Heilman probably will play field, which is one of the best in the pennant it will be the bigsest surprise of years in baseball.

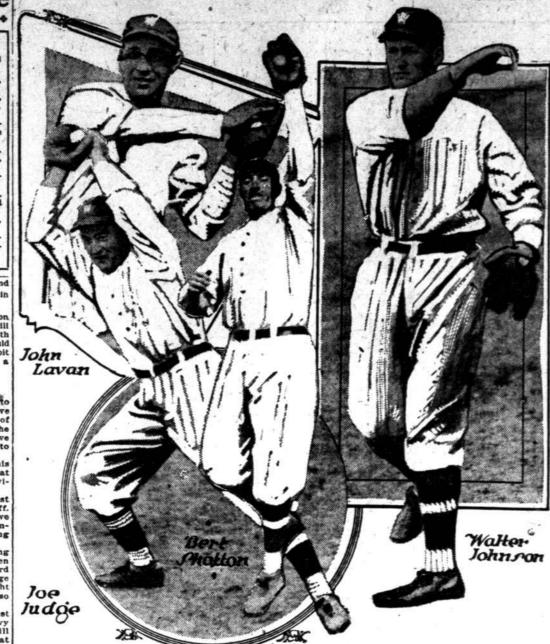
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one Bush, of course, at short. Vitt placed in the 1 A Class, but with the control of the Sox last is a rather ineffective pitch of enough dependable box whom all confidence could be are unless Red Faber is ear, unless Red

Here's the Punch in the Battle Array of Griffmen



## COLLEGE NINES FAIL TO PLAY

Cold Weather and Mud-Soaked Fields Cause Postponements.

The Mt. St. Joseph-Georgetown baseball game was called off yesterday on account of the wet condition of the grounds at the Hilltop. the harness. The Giants should be The visitors were notified early in the morning not to make the journey as it was impossible to play

pitchers. He was handicapped last year by having to do practically all the catching himself, but this year will have the able support of Leslie Nunamaker.

Fielder Jones' big Steve O'Neil and Billings will once more handle the pitchers. Fohl lost a promising receiver in De Berry, who joined the ranks of the "Sammles" during the winter. Jim Baghan the main stay of the stay of the main stay of the stay of the main stay of the stay of th

## After three years in the cellar wily

'd Connie Mack appears ready for a jump into more pleasant surround-

his wonderful Athletics in 1914 Mack has a well balanced club, a club that car hit and field, a club which must car hit and field, a club which must be counted as dangerous opposition.

The Athletics of 1918 have but one shortcoming. Mack has a weak pitching staff unless his rookies are able to show some big league pitching. Otherwise the Athletics look capable of causing trouble for several other of causing trouble for several other American League outfits.

Vean Gress, the old Boston and Cleveland pitcher, had a great season with Providence last year and looks

tion of a couple of years ago, has been added to the club and should win But that's about the end of Mack's pitching possibilities. The youngsters are Perry, Adams, Geary, Fahey and Watson, none of whom Forrest Cady and McAvoy will do

The Athletic infield is very good de-

fensively, but lacks the wallop with the stick. George Burns will be at first, Shannon at second, Dugan at short and the great Larry Gardiner The Mackian outfield will be made up of Tilly Walker, Merlin Kopp and Jamison with Rube Oldring as utility

The club may not be the powerful hitting aggregation which Mack built up last year, but it is better balanced

#### THE OLDER CIRCUIT. The National League was not so

start the season with practically the same team he won with last

## Jimmy Shaw Proud Father Of Bouncing Baby Girl

Jim Shaw, the Pittsburgh Stogie, of Griff's Nationals, is a new addition to the ranks of fatherdom. Shaw was called home here last Thursd with visions already shaping themselves in his mind of training Jim, jr., into a star tight-hander. The new addition to the star of the star hander. The new addition to the Shaw family happens to be a girl. He was receiving congratulations from a host of friends yesterday while strutting around the ball park with expanded chest. Both mother and daughter are doing

at or near the top all season.

THE PHILLIES—Moran will be

sequence being Jack Miller. Whether Jack Hendricks will be able to do as well with the men as Miller Huggins did remains to be

THE CUBS-Manager Fred Mitfered no considerable losses. The addition of Alexander and Tyler asdition to his catching staff. The Cubs should be a first division

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THE ROBINS—Smiling Wilbert Robinson was hardest hit of any National League manager by the war. Eight of his players including three first string pitchers either enlisted or were either enlisted or were deracted.

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success than last year, regardless of the fact that his club was not will not eliminate the special feathe situation is about balanced.

#### BRENTWOOD ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR Mt. Rainier, Md., April 13.-At a

meeting of the Brentwood Athletic PITCHER PFEFFER TO hard hit by the war but most of the managers have a few puzzles to solve: The following is the ar-ray of the older circuit.

THE GIANTS—John McGraw will

meeting of the Brentwood Athletic Club last night the following officers were elected for the coming season: President and treasurer, S. F. Richards, Jess were elected for the coming season: President and treasurer, S. F. Richards; secretary, G. W. Richards. Jess Weidman was chosen manager of the baseball team with Charles Stephen-

## SERVICE MEET IS POSTPONED

Athletic Games Changed to

stadium next Saturday afternoon, through the mud last Friday in good second.

April 20, has been postponed to the such fashion as to create the image of the such fashion as to create the image of the such fashion as to create the image. The such fashion is the such fashion as to create the image of the such fashion as to create the image. ment was made last night by Harold Keats, executive officer of the District war camp community service, in charge of the meet here. Following a conference with Principal Emory The Boston Red Sox Club is the game. The Boston Red Sox Club is the game of Risky and the Game of Responded to the Sox Club is the game. The Boston Red Sox Club is the game. The Boston Red Sox Club is the game and the game of Risky and the Game of Responded to the Boston Red Sox Club is the game and the game of Risky and the game of Risky and the Call Indicated the Same of Risky and the Game of Risky and the Call Indicated Responded to the Same and th

ast year should be able to give the giants a fight all season. There have been no additions of consequence to the club.

THE CARDINALS—The St. Louis aggregation last season played wonderful ball until the fag end of the year when they slumped badly.

Names of athletes prominent in income saturation of last week.

The Carman and Wilfrid Viau, which were trevented from starting at Bowie by the cannel of the past of the past of last week.

THE CUBS—Manager Fred Mitchell faces his supreme test this year. He has been given a reconstructed pitching staff and has suffered no considerable losses. The addition of Alexander and Telerates and Telerate for the carried by the Camp for his mythical all-American football team.

The pitching staff was badly wrecked by trades which sent Barnes to New York and Tyler to Chicago. S. lings must build up an entirely new pitching staff. Boston will do well to finish better than last year.

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THE PIRATES—Hugo Bezdek marathon race held by the Univer-

hit hard by war conditions. The tures planned by the war camp transfer of Cutshaw and Stengle to service for the entertainment of the the Pirates will strengthen the club some, but one of the best of planned for entrants in the meet the Pittsburgh pitchers, Carlson, is the night the meet is to be held, now in United States service and will be carried out, and the twentymile automobile trip scheduled for the men has been arranged. This trip will be to many of the men their first view of Washington, and will bring into view all the execu-tive and administration offices of

New York, April 13 .- Ed Pfeffer,

## Woodstone Captures Big **Bowie Farewell Feature**

Jockey Rodriguer' Riding Features the Bowie Meet

"Liberty Bond Rod" is the nick "Liberty Bond Rod" is the nicknams which Jockey Rodriguez has
won from his fellow jockeys because of his good fortune to ride
four of the seven winners of
Liberty Loan Purses offered during the twelve-day Bowie race
meeting just closed.

Jockey Rodriguez, who is only a
wee Spanish lad, earned all manner of laurels during the course of
this meeting, winning at least one
race each day and on Thursday
he held four victorious mounts in

he held four victorious mounts in the one afternoon.

Being an apprentice, this lad was in great demand and he rode

in nearly every race every day. During the meeting he was in the saddie fifty-two times, of which mounts he won sixteen, placed ten, showed eleven and left fifteen out

of the money.

Jockey Crump, another young apprentice, gave first promise of his superior riding at the Bowie face track and it is probable that

# SMART HORSES

ing Up with Best Horses

in the East.

Havre de Grace, Md., April 13 .he smartest three-year-olds ship- Candidate 2nd. ping from Bowie to Havre de Grace ping from Bowie to Havre de Grace good campaigner, accounted for the today to take part in the thirteen second event when he easily drew day April session of the Harford away from his field leaving Miss Agricultural and Breeders' Associa-Fannie and Dartworth to fight it Agricultural and Breeders' Association which will begin Tuesday are in the stable of Edward McBride Leydecker and C. E. Clements' Mary Maud, the former a son of Mary Maud, the former a son of Jack Atkin, the latter a daughter of Irish Lad. The smartest two-year-olds are the half a dozen youngsters of the stable of Thomas Clyde, of which Mahony, Dunedin, Weston, Wekoa and Reynolds seem to be the stars; Sid C. Keener, of the stable of J. O. Taibot, and Fannie Mehan, of the stable of John Thornby.

Charlle Leydecker, a stake winner in Maryland last spring, looks and last spring, looks and last spring, looks and last spring.

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pect up to seven furlongs and there
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THE BRAVES—The Stallings outfit has been hit hard by the war, Gowdy, and Maranville both having joined the colors. Just how well Herzog will fill the hole in the infield depends entirely upon Herzog. The pitching staff was badly wrecked by trades which sent distance man; former, Harry Mc.

All of McBride's runners are fit. They were called by the staff was badly wrecked by trades which sent distance man; Harry Mc.

ing three first string pitchers pany B. Forty-fifth Engineers, the either enlisted or were drafted. Robinson's success depends a great deal on what he can do with Mamaux and Grimes, new pitchers secured from Pittsburgh. Both the infield and outfield are mediocre. The Robins can hope for nothing tance great the square of the square of the top class, is he stole second and went to third on a wild pitch, bringing in the winning run on Miller's drive. The sprinter of parts, has matured not clearly and McNaughton thinks a proper to the top class, is he stole second and went to third on a wild pitch, bringing in the winning run on Miller's drive. The couple of 2-year-olds. Riverdale, a sprinter of parts, has matured not ticeably and McNaughton thinks a lot of him. But McNaughton thinks a more of his more creditably at Bowie. Cobalt Lass has left Bowie for Havre

de Grace already. She owes her 'lle to the sagacity and persistency of a fex terrier. Cohalt Lass was in the stable that burned at Bowie Thursday night, and she ran back into her box after having been led out. The fox terrier followed her in the blazing stable and bit she ran out again,

#### DUMBARTON COURTS WILL BE READY SOON Until fast week it was thought that

JOIN NAVAL RESERVE past few days has upset plans completely. The upper courts are now ready for use, but the lower ones were given quite a setback by old Jupiter veteran pitcher of the Brooklyn Pluvius and will probably not be ready now until next week. The club is report at Chicago for service in the planning a very active campaign for Stanage will again head the catchhis year, unless Red Faber is
ted, the Sox pitching staff will
tronger than last year.

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Shea's Campaigner Shows Way in Liberty Bond Stake at Getaway.

If the Bowie Race Track has seen its last day of racing, as many believe it has, this historic course can never justifiably entertain any but the pleasantest of recollections of the record-breaking twelve day spring meeting which passed into memory late yesterday afternoon. Each year the Bowie Course under the efficient generalship of James F. Ohara, has gained in pres-tige and in many ways it seems a shame that its demolition might

be ordered.
With clear skies everhead the largest crowd which had yet at-tended the meeting turned out yes-terday to stack their wits against the excellent Saturday afternoon card offered. As had been expected, the fields were so evenly matched that form students and speculators had a fretful afternoon if they devoted their time to trying to pick

M. Shea's five-year-old Wood-M. Shea's five-year-old Wood-stone won renewed glory yesterday when he captured the featured race of the day, the Liberty Bond Handi-cap. Well ridden by Jockey Rodri-ges, Woodstone was a forward contender all of the way and easily disposed of threatened competition from E. T. Zollicoffer's All Smiles as he entered the stretch. AWAIT MEETING from E. T. Zollicoffer's All Smiles as he entered the stretch. This race made Jockey Rodriquez the most patriotic boy of the meeting as he had the honor of bringing four, or more than half of the Liberty or more than half of the Liberty Bond Purses offered, to the coffers

Bond Purses offered, to the coffers of his employers. W. T. Ryan's Pharaoh succeeded at last in wining a race yesterday when with Jockey Doyle in the saddle he rode home in the initial event over Lieut. B. Tuckerman, JJr.'s, Glory Belle and W. Bennett's

Royal Interest, Mrs. J. Phillips' out for the two odd places.

Displaying his superior ability to run in the mud as he did last Tues-day, Mrs. E. Johnson's Dr. Campbell succeeded in making away with the

May 4 on Account of Wet Track at Stadium.

In a Clark of Western Clark of Western Clark of Came this way from New Orleans with the Clyde youngsters that he had as smart a lot as he had ever trained and Weston, Mahony, Western Western Clyde youngsters that he had as smart a lot as he had ever trained and Weston, Mahony, Western Weste

likely 100-to-1 shot but if they for lowed these tactics they were appointed, for P. Moody's E

### SPEAKER LEADS WAY TO TRIMMING GIANTS

Lexington, Ky., April 13.—Tris speaker today broke up the ten-nning game between the Giants

rame scheduled for today between the New York American teams to be

Havre de Grace

## the Dumbarton courts would be ready for use, but the bad weather of the

SPECIAL RACE TRAINS

FIRST BACE AT 2:00 P. M.